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WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any request from State Government of Maharashtra for increasing the ceiling limit of Central assistance in respect of Minor Irrigation Project under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) particularly in Vidarbha region; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and reaction of the Government thereto alongwith the present status of request?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES(SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b) Ceiling for the Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) is fixed by the Planning Commission during Plan discussions with the State Government and depending on availability of resources for the State as a whole. The original AIBP ceiling for Maharashtra for the year 2007-08 was of Rs. 350 crore. As per information available in this Ministry the Government of Maharashtra approached Planning Commission to enhance the AIBP ceiling for the 2007-08 to Rs. 1600 crore in which provisions kept for Minor Irrigation Scheme was of Rs. 250.118 crore. The Planning Commission however enhanced the ceiling to Rs. 1100 crore providing additionality of Rs. 750 crore over the existing ceiling.